



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Gerald L. Gilliard, Esq.
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Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Mr. Gilliard:

Enclose is the response to your Freedom of Information Act request, dated August 20, 2012, which sought U.S. Environmental Protections Agency records of intern(s) selected by Lesley Schaaf between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2009, concerning:

- Names, race, sex, ages and national origin;
- Whether any interns are still employed by the EPA;
- How any interns no longer employed by the EPA, "came to leave" the agency;
- Whether any interns were subject to adverse action;
- Whether any interns filed Equal Employment Opportunity complaints, other discrimination complaints, or requests for a hearing with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and,
- Documents "sufficient to describe any EEO complaints or requests for EEOC hearings concerning Lesley Schaaff or Alex Christofaro."

Your request was designated HQ-FOI-01871-12 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response. A search was conducted and responsive records were located.

Upon review, the EPA determined that portions of the responsive records were exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(2), which protects records related to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency, FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5), which protects the deliberative-process privilege, and FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), which protects information where disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The records are being released to you with corresponding redactions.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this response in writing to the National Freedom of Information Act Officer at:

Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, D.C. 20460
Fax: (202) 566-2147
Email: hq.foia@epa.gov

Please note that correspondence mailed through only the United States Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your appeal must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. For the quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Wachter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric E. Wachter
Director

Enclosures